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Radio Training Network, Inc.  
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Re: W236CA (FX), Wake Forest, NC  
Radio Training Network, Inc.  
Facility Identification Number: 87686  
Special Temporary Authority  
BSTA-20141015ACQ

Dear Licensee:

This is in reference to your request filed October 15, 2014. You request special temporary authority (“STA”) to operate FM translator W236CA with temporary facilities at the licensed site, with lower power and antenna height. W236CA had been silent to “remove” interference to a cochannel, licensed station, and has now lost access to that spot on the tower.<sup>1</sup> You have also filed a construction permit application, BMPFT-20141021ABB, seeking authority for permanent operations from another site, which is awaiting review by the staff.

STA requests which involve a change in transmitter site must include four critical elements: (1) Loss of the licensed site must be beyond the licensee's control; (2) STA facilities must continue to provide service<sup>2</sup> to the licensed community; (3) STA facilities must maintain, as closely as practicable, the licensed service area<sup>3</sup> without extending it; (4) STA facilities cannot involve the construction of towers intended for permanent use by the station requesting the STA. We find that this STA request meets these criteria.

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<sup>1</sup> By letter dated August 21, 2014, the staff granted silent STA extension request BLESTA-20140730ACI and advised Radio Training Network that station operations would have to resume no later than September 1, 2014 to avoid the consequences of Section 312(g) of the Communications Act. However, that date was in error: since W236CA went silent on October 31, 2013, W236CA must resume operations no later than October 31, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> For AM - 5 mV/m; for commercial FM - 3.16 mV/m; for noncommercial educational FM - 1.0 mV/m.

<sup>3</sup> For AM - 0.5 mV/m contour; for FM - 1.0 mV/m contour.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station W236BA may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	34° 58' 41.9" N, 78° 36' 46.2" W (NAD 1927)
Channel	236D (95.1 MHz)
Effective radiated power:	0.010 kilowatt (V)
Antenna height:	
above ground:	9 meters
above mean sea level:	124 meters
above average terrain:	21 meters

You must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from radiofrequency exposure in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310. In addition, you must address any complaints of interference that might be caused by W236CA's STA operation.

This authority expires on **April 25, 2015**.

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**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or

- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,



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